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In re Appln. of: Tatsuya Yokoyama ET AL.

Appln. No.: 10/726,407

Filed: December 2, 2003

For: LIGHTED SWITCH DEVICE

Attorney Docket No: 9281-4719

Examiner: John A. Ward

Art Unit: 2875

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Attached is/are:

- Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Information Disclosure Statement; PTO Form 1449; Copy of Search Report for European Patent Application No. 03 02 772; Copy of cited references
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- No additional fee is required.
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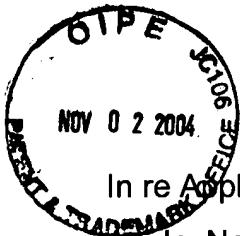
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Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

No.	Date
DE 196 27 212	01/1998
6,299,320	10/2001

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Also enclosed is a copy of a Search Report dated October 1, 2004 for European Patent Application No. 03 02 7722. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

For purposes of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), Applicants certify that each item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the

filing of this Statement (a copy of any foreign communication first citing a listed reference is attached for the Examiner's reference).

Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (use several sheets if necessary)	SERIAL NO. 10/726,407	CASE NO. 9281-4719
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REFERENCE DESIGNATION

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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
	A2	DE 196 27 212	01/1998	Germany		X

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	A3	Search Report dated October 1, 2004 for European Patent Application No. 03 02 7722

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